

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF DELAWARE

J. MICHAEL CHARLES; MAURICE W.)	CIVIL ACTION NO. 05-702(SLR)
WARD, JR.; and JOSEPH I. FINK, JR., on behalf)	
of themselves and all others similarly situated,)	
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Plaintiffs,)	
)	
v.)	
)	<u>CLASS ACTION</u>
PEPCO HOLDINGS, INC; CONECTIV, and)	
PEPCO HOLDINGS RETIREMENT PLAN,)	
)	
Defendants.)	
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APPENDIX TO PLAINTIFFS' ANSWERING BRIEF
IN OPPOSITION TO DEFENDANTS' MOTION TO DISMISS

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December 21, 1998

Dear Conectiv Management Employee,

Beginning January 1, Conectiv will switch to a "cash balance" pension plan as announced earlier this year. In order to provide you with your opening balance, the Company will use your 1998 earnings, which will not be finalized until late January, 1999. At the same time as we are moving to the cash balance pension plan, the Company is outsourcing pension administration to the Vanguard Group, which is also the administrator of Conectiv's 401K plans and PAYSOP plans. Vanguard will verify the conversion calculations, and will then distribute your individual account balances by the end of the second quarter of 1999.

Until individual statements can be prepared, we have created two tables of example calculations so employees can estimate their opening balances. Remember that these tables are examples only, and that your actual cash balances will reflect your particular circumstances. There will be more detailed communications in the Spring. If you have general questions, please hold them until these communications are available. We have included in this letter answers to some general questions about the new program.

If you are at retirement age and are planning to retire in the first quarter of 1999, please call the Human Resources Strategic Business Partner for your area: Pat Duffy, Energy Delivery & Services, at 220-3155; Harold DeJarnette, Supply, at 220-3252; Ben Wilkinson, Shared Services, at 220-3047; and Dave Motil at 250-6020.

We hope this preliminary information is helpful to you.

Q. What is a "cash balance" pension plan?

A. Each year the company credits your individual pension account with a cash contribution equal to a percentage of your total pay, including overtime and bonus. Throughout your Conectiv career, your account grows through additional yearly company contributions, plus interest. When you retire, the current cash value of your account is yours. If you leave Conectiv after you have completed five years of service and are vested, you can transfer your pension account either to your new employer's plan or to your own IRA. Taxes are deferred on the transfer, so your full account can continue growing for the rest of your working years. At retirement, you can take the money in a lump sum and roll it over, tax deferred, into the investment vehicle you select. Or you can elect to receive lifetime monthly payments, either for yourself, or for you and your spouse. Each year, you'll receive a statement of your pension account showing all transactions and its total balance.

Q. What are the key components of Conectiv's new cash balance pension plan?

A. Please see the accompanying "Update of Conectiv Facts," below.

Q. What are the advantages of cash balance?

A. Your cash balance pension account is completely portable. In addition, the plan contains increased "beneficiary" benefits: the full value of the account transfers to your spouse, family, or estate in the event of your death. Employees will receive annual statements showing the actual current value of their pension account. These features mean that the cash balance pension plan helps to meet more diverse needs of today's and tomorrow's employees.

Q. Are there some grandfathering provisions and other transition rules?

A. You may recall that, as part of the approach taken by management to provide minimal impact on the existing workforce, extensive protections were woven into the new plan for employees approaching the retirement age. Any employee aged 50 or with 20 years of service as of December 31, 1998 is "grandfathered" for ten years after January 1, 1999. This means that when a grandfathered participant retires, the pension is computed both under the old formula and the new one, and the participant receives the greater amount. In addition, retirees choosing the old formula will be able to take a lump-sum distribution of their pension during the 10 year period. These provisions are for the next ten years when the benefits under the old plan are calculated, frozen, and compared at retirement to the cash balance amounts to determine the best benefit for the employee. In addition to the grandfather provision, favorable transition rules apply for longer service employees. This means those employees will get extra annual credits to their accounts during the ten year period.

Conectiv Cash Balance Retirement Plan
January 1, 1999 Account Balance Estimate
(For employees formerly covered by the ACE Plan)

Average Five Year Earnings	Age/Service						
	35/10	40/15	40/20	45/20	50/20	50/25	55/25
\$30,000	14,600	30,800	41,100	57,600	80,800	101,000	141,700
\$40,000	19,500	41,100	54,800	76,800	107,700	134,700	188,900
\$50,000	24,400	51,300	68,500	96,000	134,700	168,300	236,100
\$75,000	36,600	77,000	102,700	144,000	202,000	252,500	354,200

Conectiv Cash Balance Retirement Plan
January 1, 1999 Account Balance Estimate
(For employees formerly covered by the DP & L Plan)

Average Five Year Earnings	Age/Service						
	35/10	40/15	40/20	45/20	50/20	50/25	55/25
\$30,000	11,800	24,800	33,100	46,400	65,100	81,300	114,100
\$40,000	15,700	33,100	44,100	61,800	86,700	108,400	152,100
\$50,000	19,700	41,300	55,100	77,300	108,400	135,500	190,100
\$75,000	29,500	62,000	82,700	116,000	162,600	203,300	285,200

Q. Why are there two charts?

A. Pension benefits differed between the two merger partners, Atlantic Energy and Delmarva Power, and employees are entitled to the benefits already earned. Opening balances will be different for two hypothetical employees having the same age and length of service, but coming from different companies. But, going forward, future credits to the accounts will be computed in exactly the same manner.

Q. In general, what are the differences in the two plans?

A. The main difference is that Atlantic Energy employees could retire at 55 with no reduction in benefit, while Delmarva Power employees could retire at 60 with no reduction in benefit, or at 55 with a 24% reduction in benefit. The Atlantic Energy percentage multiplier is 1.6%, compared to the Delmarva Power 1.5%. On the other hand, Delmarva Power employees have an enhanced survivor benefit that Atlantic Energy employees do not have. These differences have been quantified and were used in calculating these tables.

Q. Are there additional key variables other than earnings, age, and service time to consider when reviewing these charts?

A. The tables reflect the present value of money. Another factor that may not be as obvious, but that is significant in the opening balance calculation, is your distance from retirement age. So while additional service is important and is reflected as you move from left to right in the chart, it is also significant that you are also moving closer to age 55. The closer you are to age 55 the less the benefit earned to date that must be discounted to compute the opening balance. Or conversely, the younger you are, the more of the benefit must be discounted to compute the opening balance. This is why the initial balances for younger people appear smaller.

Note: This information is intended to be used as a guideline only for eligible employees. The employees eligible for the cash balance pension plan are management employees currently enrolled in Conectiv Flex benefits.

Update of Conectiv Facts (Originally Published in the Spring of 1998)

New Cash Balance Pension Plan

Until now, employees of both DPL and AE have been covered by what are known as "final pay" pension plans. The "cash balance" pension plan is a new concept that has two important advantages: It's easier to *understand* than the former plans, and it's totally "*portable*." Both these features support our goal of designing a benefits package that meets the needs of today's more independent, more mobile workforce. The new cash balance pension plan will take effect January 1, 1999.

Benefit Easier to Understand

The way the new pension works is simple. Each year the company makes a cash contribution equal to a percentage of your total pay, including overtime and bonus, to your individual pension account. Throughout your Conectiv career, your account grows through additional yearly company contributions, plus interest. When you retire, the cash value of your account is yours.

Over the years, as you watch your pension account grow, you'll have a clearer idea of your own financial position. And you'll be able to plan for your future.

Portability a Plus

With the new cash balance plan, if you leave Conectiv after you are vested and have completed five years of service, you can transfer your pension account either to your new employer's plan or to your own IRA. Taxes are deferred on the transfer, so your full account can continue growing for the rest of your working years.

Company Contributions and Interest

Conectiv makes all the contributions to your cash balance pension account. These contributions are based as a percentage of your *total* pay, *including* overtime and bonuses. Contributions increase with age, as shown below. You are not required to contribute to the pension plan.

Annual Company Pension Contributions			
Age ¹	Pension Credit (% of Pay)	Age	Pension Credit (% of Pay)
Under 30	5%	40-44	8%
30 to 34	6%	45-49	9%
35-39	7%	50 and over	10%

¹ Based on your age as of January 1st; contributions are prorated if you move to a higher age bracket in mid-year.

The company also credits your account with *interest* each year based on the current 30-yr. U.S. Treasury bond rate. This rate changes based on economic conditions. Currently it is 5%. Historically, it has averaged about 8%.

Conversion to the New Pension Plan

The new cash balance pension plan will cover all Conectiv management employees as of January 1, 1999. Benefits already earned under the former DPL and AE pension plans are *fully protected* and will be converted to an equivalent cash amount. This will form your "starting balance" under the new plan.

Your starting balance will, in essence, provide you with the lump-sum amount you would need today to purchase a lifetime annuity equal to the benefit you've earned to date under your DPL or AE pension plan. The conversion formula will take in account any early retirement and survivor benefits which are part of the current plans.

Transition Credits with Ten or More Years' Service

If you have completed between ten and 35 years of service with DPL or AE as of January 1, 1999, you will also be eligible for annual *transition credits*. This means the company will contribute an *additional* amount to your pension account *each year*. Your transition credit percentage depends on your completed service as of January 1, 1999, and remains constant until you have completed 35 years of service. At that point, transition credits stop.

Annual Transition Credits			
Service as of 1/1/99	Transition Credit (% of Pay)	Service as of 1/1/99	Transition Credit (% of Pay)
10 to 11 years	1%	16 to 19	3%
12 to 15 years	2%	20 years or more	4%

For example, if you have completed 13 years of service as of January 1, 1999, the company will make an additional contribution of 2% of your total pay to your account every year until you complete 35 years of service.

Annual Statements

Each year, you'll receive a personal statement of your pension account which will show the company's contributions (basic amount plus any transition credits), interest credit and total balance, so you'll be able to watch the progress of your account over the years.

"Grandfather" Protection for Older and Long Service Employees

Of course, many employees have already worked for most of their careers under the former "final pay" pension plans. For this reason, two groups of people will continue to be covered by their former plans for the next ten years. They are employees who, as of January 1, 1999:

- have completed 20 years of service, or
- are age 50 or older.

These "grandfathered" employees will have their pensions calculated under both the former and new plans, and will receive whichever value is greater. As an additional benefit, grandfathered employees have the option to elect a lump sum distribution under the former plan.

Payment Options at Retirement

The new pension plan also gives you a great deal of flexibility when you retire. You may take the full value of your pension in a single lump sum, which you may then roll over, tax deferred, into the investment vehicle you select. Or you may elect guaranteed lifetime monthly payments for yourself, or for you and your spouse (an "annuity").

Survivor Benefits

If you die after you are vested but before retirement, the new pension plan provides another advantage to your survivor. Under the former plans, survivor benefits were payable only to the spouse, and then at an amount equal to about *half* of your accrued benefit. With the new plan, the *entire cash value* of your pension account would be paid to your beneficiary who, with your spouse's consent, can be anyone you name.

A Quick Look at the New "Cash Balance" Pension Plan	
Company Contributions	Made annually to your account based on a percentage of pay. Age-related percentages range from 5% to 10%.
Interest	Credited each year, based on the 30-year U.S. treasury bond rate at the time.
Conversion to New Plan	Benefits accrued under DPL and AE pension plans to be converted to a cash equivalent starting balance under new plan. Starting balance also credited with interest annually.
Transition Credits	With 10 years of service as of 1/1/99, you receive an additional annual company contribution of 1% to 4% of pay.
Vesting	Upon completion of five years of service (including service with DPL and AE).
Portability	Totally portable: current value of your account is yours if you leave Conectiv after you are vested.
Survivor's Benefit	Full current value of your account is paid to your spouse or beneficiary if you die while actively employed.
Payment options at retirement	Lump-sum cash option, or several lifetime monthly payment options (annuities): cash option can be rolled over to an IRA to continue tax deferral.

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